

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 21, 2004

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☒

Department: DISTRICT 5

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May, 2004 as "Civility Month"

ITEM BACKGROUND: This request was received from Kenneth W. Buchman, Chair of the City, County and Local Government Section of the Florida Bar in Tallahassee

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: N/A

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ AMOUNT PER MONTH _____ Year _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:

Murray E. Nelson
MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☒ To Follow ☐ Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

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Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, by the virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, I, Murray E. Nelson, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2004 as

CIVILITY MONTH

In Monroe County and call upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the County of Monroe, this 21st day of April, 2004


MAYOR MURRAY E. NELSON